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TAGS: EAID LE SWEL SUBJ: AUB AND THE SOUTH

- 1. AID REP IN CONVERSATION WITH ACTING AUB PRESIDENT SALEM ON APRIL 6 ASKED IF ACADEMIC RESOURCES OF AUB HAD BEEN OFFERED TO GOL TO ASSIST IN SUCH ACTIVITIES AS DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS AND DISPLACED PERSONS CAMP OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT. AUB'S PRESIDENT HAS ANNOUNCED PUBLICLY THAT HOSPITAL FACILITIES ARE AT GOL DISPOSAL IF NEEDED. PM HOSS ASKED FOR AND WAS GRANTED USE OF AUB STORAGE FACILITIES ON TEMPORARY BASIS. AUB PROVIDING DOCTORS FOR BEIRUT'S TWO TENT CAMPS AS PART OF HOSPITAL OFFER. SALEM INDICATED UNIVERSITY PREPARED TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO ANY OFFICIAL REQUEST.
- 2. ON VOLUNTEER SIDE, AUB HAS RECOGNIZED OFFICIALLY A COMBINED STUDENT-FACULTY GROUP--KEY MOVER IS PM HOSS' DAUGHTER--OFFERING SERVICES TO GOL RELIEF ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. VOLUNTEERS WORK AT DISTRIBUTION CENTERS, HELP PACK COMMODITIES, ASSIST IN CAMP RECREATION AND CONDUCT SOME DOOR-TO-DOOR COLLECTION EFFORTS. SALEM SAID THAT EVEN THESE EFFORTS NOT WELL UNDERSTOOD ON "OTHER SIDE", I.E., EAST BEIRUT, WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT DP FROM SOUTH (FYI. AID REP SHARED WITH SALEM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT AT LEAST ONE PVO HAD CITED AUB VOLUNTEER EFFORT AS COMPETITIVE WITH GOL EFFORT. SALEM CONFIRMED THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS WORK IN OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH GOL EFFORT). IN THE SAME VEIN, SALEM SUGGESTED THAT UNSOLICITED PUBLIC OFFER OF AUB RESOURCES WOULD PROBABLY BE REGARDED AND RECEIVED BY MANY FOR ITS POLITICAL RATHER THAN HUMANITARIAN ASPECTS.

3. UNOFFICIAL REQUESTS FROM GOL BEING HANDLED AD HOC. MIN PUB WORKS OFFICIAL ASKED FOR TWO ENGINEERS TO ASSESS DAMAGE IN ABBASSIYAH, NE OF TYRE. SALEM RESPONDED BY PUTTING OUT CALL FOR ANY 4TH YEAR STUDENTS WHO MIGHT WISH TO PARTICIPATE. UNTIL FORMAL REQUEST TO MARSHAL RESOURCES COMES FROM PM, IF IT DOES, AUB WILL CONTINUE IN THIS FASHION.

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